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I know, Sir, whether the Government will supply us with the information in regard to cases wherein the owners of factories have been prosecuted for disobeying the Factories Act?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" When a complaint is received by the Inspector of Factories, he examines it and provided there are enough grounds for prosecution, the owner is punished. As to the latter part of the question, I want notice, Sir."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" With reference to answer to clause (d), may I know whether the extent of jurisdiction of Assistant Inspectors of Factories is curbed due to the number of shops they have to inspect or to the number of miles they have to travel? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Each Assistant Inspector of Factories has to inspect between 1,000 and 1,500 establishments. That is how the jurisdiction is divided."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" From the replies given by the Hon. Minister, I gather that proper maintenance of hygienic conditions in the factories is not being insisted upon by Government. I would like to have a reply from the Hon. Minister in this connexion."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Even at present, the Inspector of Factories is expected to look into the proper upkeep of sanitary conditions in the factories. My hon. Friend seems to doubt it. Without committing myself, let me tell my hon. friend that if he brings to my notice specific cases, I would look into them."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that they had deputed one of their own medical officers to specialize in industrial hygiene, and that after specialization the services of that officer (Sri R. V. Subramaniam) are not being utilized in the proper direction but that he is employed as an Additional Professor in the Medical College. Will the Government consider appointing specialists in industrial hygiene to look into the proper upkeep of these factories, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member has brought this specific instance to my notice, a week ago. I may inform him that the matter is being looked into."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" The Hon. Minister had stated that there are at present 199 Assistant Inspectors of Factories. May I know how many of them are Harijans? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Aboriginals in Kannavam forest area.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar is not in his place. The answer will be printed in the proceedings."

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that the Forest department is driving out hundreds of aboriginals (Kurichiars) from their ancient abodes in the forests of Kannavam (Kottayam taluk, Malabar district)?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It is not true that the Forest department is driving out hundreds of aboriginals (Kurichiars) from their ancient abodes in the forests of Kannavam."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to put some supplementary questions with regard to my question No. 317. I request I may be allowed some time for the same, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can give notice of a separate question. I cannot allow the hon. Member any more time."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" On a point of information, Sir, I understand that it had been the practice during 1937 to print the answers and give them to the hon. Members who had given notice of the questions. As there are many hon. Members in this House who are not well acquainted with the English language, I think, it would be better if the Government were to give written answers so that hon. Members may read them beforehand and be prepared to put any supplementary questions, if necessary. This will also save some time, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are not following that practice anywhere now. When an answer is printed, then it becomes a written question. Anyhow I would like to know what the Hon. Chief Minister has to say in the matter."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I was not closely following the discussion, Sir. But I think it relates to the feasibility of supplying written answers to starred questions so that more supplementaries are put later on. We are not following that practice now either here or in the Parliament at Delhi. Of course it is a worthwhile suggestion. But at the same time I would like to say that we cannot take a decision on the same in a hurry, because we would be changing our present practice and we have to be careful while doing so."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I am glad, Sir, that the Hon. Chief Minister had said that he would consider the suggestion. I would like to inform the Hon. Chief Minister that the suggestion if given effect to, would not lead to unnecessary supplementary questions but will enable hon. Members to put more informed questions."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" And many more speeches also, Sir." (Laughter.)

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MR. SPEAKER :—"This is not the practice either in the House of Commons or in the Parliament at Delhi. When an answer is given in print, then it becomes a written question."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I also humbly submit to the Chair that it should not be pleased to come to immediate conclusions when there is a likelihood that we may come to another decision after some delay."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I would like to inform the hon. the Leader of the Opposition that I had not come to any immediate conclusion. I only stated that it was not the practice both in the House of Commons in England or in the Parliament at Delhi. I have not given any judgment."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" You are perfectly right, Sir. I only submit that the matter can be looked into in detail by the Rules Committee which is now going to be constituted, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I had only stated that that practice is not followed either at Delhi or in England. If the Hon. Chief Minister says ' yes ', I have no objection."

9-30 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" While the matter is being considered, let hon. Members on the other side give thought to another aspect of the matter. Supposing the answer to the primary question is printed and circulated, it loses the value of an answer to an oral question. Supposing a supplementary question is asked thereon, are we to print the answer to the supplementary question also to enable other supplementary questions to be put? What then is the advantage?"

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" What I submit is this: this point has now incidentally arisen, and all of us are not able to give full thought to it. Let us hope that it will be discussed fully in the Rules Revision Committee."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" On a point of information, Sir . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member come to my Chamber and tell me whatever doubt he has. I shall clear his doubt."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Expenditure incurred on account of Industrial development.

8 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government from April 1940 to the end of March 1952 in each district of this State on account of Industrial Development?

A.—A statement[a] containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 866 infra.